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National Park Man Convicted of Attempting to  
Possess Cocaine with the Intent to Distribute

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CAMDEN – A National Park man was convicted by a federal jury today for attempting to purchase and redistribute cocaine, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

After five hours of deliberations, which began this morning, a jury convicted David Green, 61, of the one count contained in an Indictment, which was returned on Aug. 9, 2006. Green was convicted of attempted possession with intent to distribute cocaine. U.S. District Judge Robert B. Kugler, who presided over the five-day trial, scheduled sentencing for March 12.

The case was tried by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jason Richardson.

During the trial, the jury heard the testimony of three government witnesses, viewed nearly a hundred of pieces of evidence and heard 30 secretly recorded conversations regarding Green's scheme to purchase and redistribute cocaine.

During the trial, the jury heard testimony and view evidence which showed that Green, in the months preceding his attempted purchase and redistribute cocaine, had been involved in drug trafficking in the Gloucester County area from approximately February 2006 until his arrest by Gloucester County officials on March 16, 2006. The jury heard that the defendant developed and maintained a network for drug distribution, which included a customer base for crack cocaine and powder cocaine.

The jury heard testimony that after the defendant's arrest on the state charges, the FBI learned from a confidential source that Green was planning the murder of an Investigator with the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office in retaliation for his arrest. The confidential source stated that Green was going to blow up the investigator and that Green had made inquiries about obtaining "dynamite" and "blasting caps."

The jury heard that on several occasions, during July and August of 2006, Green met with an individual, who, unbeknownst to him, was an FBI informant. During those meetings, Green attempted to arrange for the purchase of dynamite and blasting caps. During the course of these meetings, Green disclosed to the informant his desire to identify the person who had informed on him to the police and that he needed money to pay his defense attorney.

In convicting the defendant, the jury found that Green invited the informant to go into the cocaine distribution business with him and that the conversations culminated with Green and the informant arranging to purchase cocaine, dynamite and blasting caps, from an undercover law enforcement officer.

The defendant was arrested on a federal criminal Complaint on Aug. 7, 2006.

The charge carries a maximum statutory sentence of 40 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

In determining an actual sentence, Judge Kugler will consult the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all that time.

Christie credited Special Agents of the FBI's South Jersey Resident Agency, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge J.P. Weis, in Philadelphia, for investigation of the case.

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Defense Attorney: Mark Greenberg, Esq., Philadelphia